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FOLLOWING REPEAT GABORONE 0008 ACTION SECSTATE JAN 5.

QUOTE: S E C R E T GABORONE 0008

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, BC

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL JAN 5, CHARGE' IMMEDIATELY CALLED
PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY MPOTOKWANE FOR APPOINTMENT
TO DELIVER PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT KHAMA. MPOKOTWANE
SAID THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT UNAVAILABLE ON
LEAVE AND THAT HE WOULD CALL BACK WITH ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED.

2. AFTER TALKING TO MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOGWE, WHO
ALSO ON LEAVE, MPOTOKWANE SUGGESTED THAT THE LETTER BE DELIVERED
TO THE PRESIDENT BY MEANS OF MINISTER MOGWE, WHO WILL BE FLYING

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LATER SAME DAY TO THE PRESIDENT'S FARM IN SEROWE FOR LAST-MINUTE

DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO MOGWE'S DEPARTURE JAN 6 TO ADDIS OAU MEETING. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, MPOTOKWANE ASKED THAT LETTER BE BROUGHT TO HIM TO BE GIVEN TO MOGWE.

3. CHARGE' AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE AND ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH MOGWE REGARDING THE MATTER UPON HIS RETURN FROM SEROWE.

4. COMMENT: MOGWE DELIVERY OF LETTER IS MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS OF GETTING CONTENTS BEFORE PRESIDENT'S EYES AND ASSURES THAT IT WILL BE A PART OF LAST-MINUTE DELIBERATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT KHAMA AND MOGWE ON ANGOLA AND THE OAU SUMMIT. THOMSEN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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